Food subsidy

†135. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has provided food subsidy during the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that a major portion of food subsidy is spent on the maintenance of the foodgrains;

(c) the total amount spent on the maintenance of the subsidized foodgrain during the last three years; and

(d) the details of the portion of food subsidy reaching to its beneficiaries?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) The amount of food subsidy released during the last three years is as under:—

(In Rs. crore)

2004-05	25,746
2005-06	23,071
2006-07	23,828

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Food Corporation of India (FCI) has informed that the total amount spent by the FCI on maintenance (storage and interest) of subsidized foodgrains during the last three years is as under:—

(In Rs. crore)

Year	Storage	Interest	Total
2004-05	1349.41	2629.31	3978.72
2005-06	1126.87	3012.80	4139.67
2006-07	1366.07	3722.00	5088.07

(d) The Central Government provides subsidized foodgrains to State Governments for distribution to AAY/BPL and APL families at Central Issue Prices (CIPs) fixed by the Government. The details showing the economic cost and CIPs of wheat and rice is at Statement-I (*See* below). The amount of food subsidy released under various schemes in the last three years is enclosed at Statement - II (*See* below).

The State Governments are responsible for ensuring that the subsidized foodgrains reach the targeted beneficiaries.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement - I

Economic cost and central issue price of wheat and rice

Wheat

(Rs. per quintal)

Year	Economic cost	CIP		
		APL	BPL	AAY
2004-05	1019.01	610	415	200
2005-06	1044.42	610	415	200
2006-07	1232.58	610	415	200

Rice

(Rs. per quintal)

Year	Economic cost	CIP			
		APL		BPL	AAY
		Common	Grade A		
2004-05	1303.59	795	830	565	300
2005-06	1337.29	795	830	565	300
2006-07	1385.92	795	830	565	300

Statement II

Details of subsidy released by Government to FCI and DCP States for TPDS and other welfare schemes during last three years.

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Subsidy released		
	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Total subsidy	25746.45	23071	23827.59
Scheme-wise subsidy			
BPL	12580	10075	10149
APL	2792	3334	3349
AAY	4968	6418	7852
TPDS	20340	19827	21350
MDM	1594	1229	1284
Other Welfare Schemes	624	1517	622

World Bank Credit for Control of HIV/AIDS in the Country

*136. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an agreement of World Bank credit of US 250 million dollar for the Third National HIV/AIDS Control Project has been signed recently aiming at halting